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FOR PREVENTING A MAGNETIC LAYER FROM STRIPPING**

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ELECTION

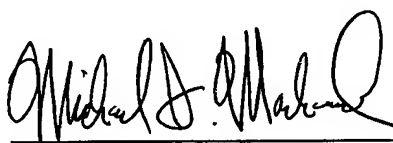
SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 29, 2004, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after October 29, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-26, 32-62, and 68-72, for prosecution at this time. In addition,

Applicant elects Species 2, Figs. 9-10. Claims 32-62 and 68-72 are readable on Species 2. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing application(s) based on claims 27-31, 63-67, and 99-103, and claims readable on Species 1. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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